



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5360

January Session, 2023



AN ACT REQUIRING FIREARM INCIDENT REPORTS FROM POLICE OFFICERS AND ANNUAL REPORTS OF SUCH DATA BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section, "police officer" and "law enforcement unit" have the same
3 meanings as provided in section 7-294a of the general statutes, and
4 "firearm" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of the
5 general statutes.

6 (b) On and after October 1, 2023, a police officer who responds to an
7 alleged crime or a fatality that involves the use of a firearm shall
8 complete a firearm incident report using the form prescribed by the
9 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to
10 subsection (d) of this section, whether or not an arrest occurs.

11 (c) Each law enforcement unit shall send all firearm incident reports
12 to the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection, who
13 shall compile statistics of firearm incidents and cause them to be
14 published annually in the report required pursuant to subsection (e) of
15 section 29-1c of the general statutes. An offense shall be counted for each
16 incident reported to the police. A zero shall be reported if no incidents
17 have occurred during the reporting periods.

18 (d) Not later than October 1, 2023, for the purpose of establishing
19 accurate data on the extent and severity of firearm incidents in the state,
20 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall
21 prescribe a form for making firearm incident reports. The form shall
22 include, but need not be limited to, the following: (1) Name of the
23 individual or individuals involved in the alleged crime or fatality; (2)
24 the location, time and date of the incident; (3) the number and
25 identification of the firearm or firearms involved; (4) whether the
26 alleged crime was committed by, or the fatality was caused by, a person
27 who had a prior conviction that prohibited such person from legally
28 possessing a firearm; (5) whether the alleged crime was committed with,
29 or the fatality was caused by, an illegally possessed or unregistered
30 firearm; and (6) any other data that may be necessary for a complete
31 analysis of all circumstances of firearm incidents in the state.

32 (e) Each law enforcement unit shall forward a copy of the firearm
33 incident report to the state's attorney for the appropriate judicial district
34 in cases where an arrest has been made.

35 (f) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
36 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall tabulate
37 and compile data from the firearm incident reports and report such
38 compilation, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the
39 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public safety
40 and security, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
41 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Subsec. (c), "Connecticut Uniform Crime Reports, pursuant to section 29-1c" was changed to "report required pursuant to subsection (e) of section 29-1c".

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*